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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e)

Sir:

The following comments are submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance.

In the Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicates that the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the combination of features set forth in the allowed claims, and recites a number of elements in support of this conclusion. Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance set forth only some of the features and elements of the claims, and that the reasons presented represent only some of the reasons why some of the claims are allowable. Also, the dependent claims include additional allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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